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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division *sub*
Deputy Director (Research) *HS/m*

SUBJECT: Scheduling of CORONA and ARGON Missions

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval in paragraph 5.

2. On Wednesday, 7 March, the United States Intelligence Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance:

a. "That after the stereo shots now scheduled for February and for April, one ARGON shot be scheduled in May.

b. "That scheduling of a second ARGON mission be subject to review by COMOR in the light of all relevant factors including the performance of the first ARGON mission."

3. The Board did not specify to whom the recommendation should be addressed. This point was not raised in the consideration of this question as it was raised last September when the recommendation for postponement of ARGON at that time was approved. However, in the earlier case this decision was made by the Special Group. I assume therefore that the same Group will make the decision in this case. For your information, I have copies of the COMOR document which the Board approved and which may be made available to the Special Group if that is desired.

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4. For convenient reference, a copy of the paper as approved by the Board is attached (COMOR-D-48/3).

5. Recommendation: That action be taken to bring the decision of the United States Intelligence Board on the scheduling of CORONA and ARGON missions to the attention of the Special Group.

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James Q. Reber
Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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CONCUR:

The recommendation contained
in paragraph 5 is approved:

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Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DPD/DDP

JOHN A. MCCONE Date
Director of Central Intelligence

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